

# A Day in the Navy

## December 7, 2010

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- On December 7, 328,428 active duty officers, Sailors and midshipmen; 65,117 selected Reserve Sailors, with 6,340 mobilized Reserves; and 203,142 civilians are serving in the Department of the Navy.
- There are 288 active ships in service; 158 (55 percent) ships, including seven aircraft carriers and four large-deck amphibious ships, and 34 (63 percent) submarines are underway away from homeport.
- There are 9,863 Individual Augmentees, 4,866 of whom are mobilized Reserves, deployed on the ground around the world in support of overseas contingency operations.
- Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates launches off USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) in a C-2A Greyhound aircraft, following an overnight visit where he met with Sailors, addressed the crew, and thanked them for their service. Lincoln then steams 358nm in the Northern Arabian Sea and flies 81 sorties for 256.7 hours in support of [Operation Enduring Freedom](#).
- [Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus](#) visits with Sailors from Maritime Expeditionary Security Group 2, [Riverine Group](#) 1, Maritime Civil Affairs and Security Training Command, Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group, and [1st Naval Construction Division](#) during a visit to [Navy Expeditionary Combat Command](#), Virginia Beach, Va.
- The Naval Security Force Training Department aboard Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, conducts [classroom and hands-on training for more than 50 Sailors](#).
- The medical team aboard High Speed Vessel Swift (HSV-2) [gives 22 teddy bears from Loving Hugs, Inc.](#), to young patients at Peru's Central Naval Medical Center.
- USS Ross (DDG 71) conducts a PASSEX with the Turkish navy in the east Mediterranean Sea.
- Sailors assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 18, deployed to Afghanistan, [assemble to dedicate a new flag mast](#) in remembrance of the Sailors and Seabees who gave their lives during World War II.
- U.S. 7th Fleet forces from Commander, Task Forces 70, 72, 73, 74 and 76; [the George Washington Carrier Strike Group](#); the [Essex Expeditionary Strike Group](#); and [Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force \(JMSDF\)](#) ships are in the [East China Sea](#), taking part in Exercise Keen Sword. KS-11 is the 10th joint-bilateral field training exercise since 1986 and coincides with the 50th anniversary of the signing of the U.S.-Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security.

- [USS Mustin \(DDG 89\)](#) departs Sihanoukville, Cambodia, following a [four-day port call](#) that saw the [ship's commanding officer, Cmdr. Michael V. Misiewicz, return to the place of his birth](#). Adopted by an American woman in 1973 after the Vietnam War spilled over into Cambodia, Misiewicz returned to where his life began and reunited with family he hadn't seen in 37 years.
- [Military hydrographic surveyors from the Navy's Fleet Survey Team conduct a safety of navigation survey near Yap Island, Federated States of Micronesia](#), to update nautical charts to enable Navy and joint forces use of the island's waterways for future port visits and maritime exercises. Some of the areas have not been surveyed in more than 40 years.
- Cryptologic Technician (Interpretive) 1st Class Bailey White is the first person at Navy Information Operations Command Misawa to receive the Enlisted Information Dominance Warfare Specialist pin during a ceremony on board Misawa Air Base, Japan.
- Commander, U.S. Pacific Command, [Adm. Robert Willard reviews a Royal Australian navy honor guard](#) while visiting Canberra, Australia.
- [Adm. Patrick M. Walsh, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet](#), delivers remarks at Pearl Harbor's 69th Anniversary Commemoration and [new visitor center dedication](#) at the [USS Arizona Memorial](#) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.
- [USS Chafee \(DDG 90\) passes the USS Arizona Memorial](#) during a pass in review to honor the memorial, as well as survivors of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. Survivors attending the ceremony return the salute of Chafee Sailors manning the rails.
- USS Nimitz (CVN 68) is underway, enroute to Naval Base Kitsap at Bremerton, Wash., for an administrative homeport change from Naval Base Coronado, Calif., to conduct a year-long docking-planned incremental availability at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility at Bremerton.
- The [Boxer Amphibious Readiness Group](#), embarked with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (13th MEU), is underway off the coast of Southern California participating in a [certification exercise](#) in preparation for deployment in early 2011.
- [Fighter Squadron Composite 13 \(VFC-13\) completes their training support to the squadrons of Carrier Air Wing 8 \(CVW-8\) at Naval Air Station Fallon, NV](#). A Navy Reserve squadron stationed at NAS Fallon, VFC-13 provides air adversary training to active duty aviators preparing to deploy to war zones and engage in combat operations.
- Amphibious assault ship USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) is in NASCO dry-dock in San Diego, Calif., for [hull preservation](#) and systems upgrades including modifications to accommodate the new Joint Strike Fighter and the MV-22 Osprey.
- Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Corona Division and Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach Detachment Corona, located in Norco, Calif., host a [Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance](#)

[ceremony](#) on the grounds of the former Norconian Resort (now the home of NSWC Corona), which President Franklin D. Roosevelt purchased Dec. 8, 1941, to establish the Corona Naval Hospital.

- [Rear Adm. David Steindl, Commander, Naval Service Training Command](#), serves as keynote speaker at the city of Chicago's Pearl Harbor Day commemoration ceremony, hosted by Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley.
- Navy Surgeon General Vice Adm. Adam M. Robinson Jr. visits with Navy corpsmen and staff at the new Medical Education Training Campus in San Antonio, Texas, the largest consolidation of service training in DoD history that will become the largest medical education and training campus in the world when it is fully operational in September 2011.
- Special agents, analysts, and military members of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) are finalizing protective service and force protection arrangements with federal, state, and local law enforcement counterparts in support of the 111th Army-Navy game in Philadelphia, Pa.
- USS Philadelphia (SSN 690) is undergoing inactivation at Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Va.
- Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va., frock 61 Sailors to first, second and third class petty officer.
- Naval Station Norfolk, Va., celebrates the [grand opening of the new \\$9.3 million child development center \(CDC\)](#) with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The 32,000 square feet Willoughby CDC is the first of two new large (306 child capacity) Navy CDCs to open in the Hampton Roads area.
- Naval Facilities Engineering Command Washington is recognized for its first [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design gold certification](#) during a ceremony at Naval Support Activity South Potomac, Dahlgren, Va.
- Navy recruiters help 255 people join [America's Navy – A Global Force for Good](#).
- Reserve Lt. Cmdr. B. Scott Michel and more than 300 other fans chime in and post a response to the [U.S. Navy's Facebook page](#) post, "Since today is Pearl Harbor Day we chose it as this month's day in the Navy. So tell us what you are doing today." Michel writes, "Celebrating my birthday -- as a Pearl Harbor baby, it was only natural that I'd join the Navy. And very happily staying in!"